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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone continued weak entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand remained in a range of light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample for the light to instances moderate demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample and continued to build in most locations.

EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60
LARGE	54-62	56-59
MEDIUM	35-41	38-40

IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to	
	producers. Range	Mostly
	LARGE 28-35	30
	MEDIUM 12-16	14
SMALL	2-4	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone remained weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to at times moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	62-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	36-49	41-43

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged but trending lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail and food service demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was quiet with offerings mostly ample. Floor stocks adequate to ample and continuing to build. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to at times moderate demand. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-69	63-66
LARGE	59.25-67	61-64
MEDIUM	38.5-46	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained weak entering the weekend. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	60-64
LARGE	58-62
MEDIUM	42-46

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-63
MEDIUM	42-49	43-45

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 11- 12 cents lower on jumbo, 12-13 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 12 cents lower on jumbo, 13 cents lower on extra large, 10 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 56. Ads in Southern California: major-large 18 pack 99, 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3, 3 for \$5, medium 60 pack 288.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	86-97
EXTRA LARGE	84-93
LARGE	82-85
MEDIUM	63-66

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was quiet with offerings mostly ample. Floor stocks adequate to ample and continuing to build. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-34	30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-23	17-19

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone was barely steady to weak with traders closely monitoring further market developments. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Overall, supplies were fully adequate with increased graded loose large eggs being offered to the breakers. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 02-Oct-2004 were 2% less than the previous week, and 1% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-36	33-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-24	19-22

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 02-OCT-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,248,956	29,404	12,269	6,532	2,331	4,432
PW	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
LY	1,229,298	30,591	11,064	6,006	2,352	4,317
% CHG PW	-1	4	-6	-7	-4	3
% CHG LY	2	-4	11	9	-1	3
2004	48,044,404	1,140,074	461,983	249,779	107,310	164,619
2003	45,485,444	1,109,005	414,703	225,910	92,089	163,601
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	17	1
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.15	42.03	42.28	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.60	38.59	38.77	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43.5 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and barely steady to instances weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg, adequate for whites and fully adequate to ample for yolk. Demand was brisk for whole egg, fair for whites, and generally good for yolk. Many processors cited seasonal holiday demand as creating additional whole egg and yolk movement. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	17	32-36	33.85	- .88
WHITES	8	30	30.00	
YOLKS	13	50-53	51.23	- .65

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and salt yolks, slightly lower on whites, but higher on sugar yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on yolk items, about steady to steady on whole, and barely steady to mostly steady on whites. Supplies were clearing to available. Demand was fair to active. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Sep-2004 were 6% more than the previous week, and 2% higher when compared to a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-46	41-44	48-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		57-85
WHITES	40-46	42-44	49-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	56-61	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	54-57	59-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with sugared yolk prices unchanged. Frozen whites and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and salted yolk, about steady for whites and steady to fully steady for sugared yolk. Offerings were adequate for all products while inventories of whole egg and sugared yolk were clearing quickly. Demand was good for whole egg and sugared yolk and just fair for whites and salted yolk. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-44	43-44
WHITES	43-44	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-56	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/2 was 5 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	47-50
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to lower on whole and yolks, and lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available. Trade sentiment was steady on yolks, about steady on whole, and barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Oct-2004 were 4% less than the previous week, and 1% less than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.59-1.90	MOSTLY 1.65-1.72
YOLKS	1.36-1.80	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.99-3.85	MOSTLY 3.25-3.37
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.47-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT. 01, 2004-OCT. 07, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 103.50

FUTURE LOADS 52.25

TOTAL LOADS 155.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	36.00	43.50	36.92	38.00	—	43.00	14.00
GNR W 2	—	—	29.75	31.50	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	57.50	56.50	42.76	—	7.25
GL W XL	—	55.15	47.80	50.45	38.92	38.79	52.75
GL W LG	—	—	41.00	42.00	37.00	37.00	16.50
GL W MD	29.00	—	—	—	33.00	28.69	12.50
GL W SM	25.65	28.25	24.38	26.46	—	25.00	12.00
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	36.00	33.00	34.00	32.22	35.21	41.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	30.33	6.00
NRBS - 42	19.00	20.00	—	—	22.17	23.83	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	56.43	5.25
GL W XL	39.50	41.63	—	61.00	—	51.26	14.50
GL W LG	—	49.00	—	—	—	48.33	9.50
GL W MD	25.00	—	—	—	31.00	32.36	15.00
GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 5-10 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand for spent light fowl was measured based on a fair call for finished sales. Schedules were as desired. Values required for salvage were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Demand remained good with offerings mostly adequate, although tight in a few locations. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-8 0-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.50	63.00	42.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	41.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	39.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.03	61.68	41.47

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; ranged fair to good mostly fair to fairly good for heavies with most available dressed product being used internally. Offerings were clearing and were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

28-33 MAJORITY 28-29

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

29-34 MAJORITY 30-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-OCT-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,416	1,573	2,989
Last Week	1,523	1,316	2,839
Same week yr ago	1,346	1,444	2,790
To-date/2004	53,304	52,490	105,794
To-date/2003	57,874	54,975	112,849

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	410	0	410
Last Week	256	0	256
Same week yr ago	266	0	266
To-date/2004	9,456	91	9,547
To-date/2003	9,376	133	9,509

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,826	1,573	3,399
Last Week	1,779	1,316	3,095
Same week yr ago	1,612	1,444	3,056
To-date/2004	62,760	52,581	115,341
To-date/2003	67,250	55,108	122,358

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 25, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	535	362	12,297	12,314
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	0	492	388
Total	535	362	12,800	12,798

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending September 25, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	84	159	6,785	4,329
Frozen	3	118	1,328	2,682
Dried	40	40	1,853	943
Total	127	317	9,966	7,954

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 25, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	17	378	339
Extra Large	8,148	510	144,324	21,017
Large	10,598	3,330	292,899	84,296
Medium	1,422	1,920	97,122	47,007
Ungraded	8,976	10,830	235,746	126,630
Misc	0	0	16,790	13,442
Total	29,144	16,607	787,259	292,731

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week (s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) **Processed other**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/04/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
AM	09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG		-47	-1072	1518
PCT CHG		-1%	-1%	3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	582 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	748 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 8 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 169 million dozen during August 2004, up 8 percent from August a year ago.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and five Saturdays in August 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 1.27 billion dozen, up 6 percent from the 1.20 billion dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 1.64 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2003.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 02-Oct-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	29.6	31.8	-7	17
Boston	3.0	3.4	-12	-14
Chicago	58.5	54.0	8	5
Detroit	30.3	24.5	24	36
Kansas City	2.0	2.0	0	-47
Los Angeles	86.2	87.9	-2	-2
New Orleans	8.1	6.1	33	-25
New York	28.1	27.6	2	-1
St. Louis	15.5	20.2	-23	-8
San Francisco	19.3	18.1	7	-9
Total	280.6	275.6	2	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 02-Oct-04

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	234.3	-2	7
East North Central	555.8	-2	5
West North Central	282.3	-5	0
South Atlantic	212.0	-2	-2
South Central	67.2	4	-4
West	182.7	-5	-2
Total	1534.3	-3	2

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 85

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Oct 05, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
 DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	109	106	68	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	101-105	98-102	61-65	40-44
MOSTLY	103-104	100-101	63-64	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	108-112	105-109	67-71	46-50
MOSTLY	108	105	67	46
VERMONT	109-110	106	68-69	-
MOSTLY	109	-	68	-

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